

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to an amendment filed on 10/15/2009.
2. Claims 51 and 57 have been amended by the applicant.
3. Claims 1-50, 52-56 and 58 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 51 and 57 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to claim 51, the prior art fails to teach said three-dimensional image display control information further includes second information indicating whether a border is to be displayed around the image of said three-dimensional image data, using said border image data, and said three-dimensional image display control information analysis means analyzes information on presence/absence of border display in accordance with said second information, and when the border is to be displayed, further in accordance with said first information in received said three-dimensional image display control information, said three-dimensional image display control information analysis means selects border image data included in said first information when said first information includes said border image data, and selects one of at least one said border image prepared in advance when said first information does not include said border image data, and outputs selected one to said data conversion means, therefore claim 51 is allowable.

In regards to claim 57, the prior art fails to teach said three-dimensional image display control information further includes second information indicating whether a border is to be displayed around an image of said three-dimensional image data, using said border image data, and in said step of analyzing said three-dimensional image display control information, information on presence/absence of border display is analyzed in accordance with said second information, and when the border is to be displayed, further in accordance with said first information in received said three-dimensional image display control information, border image data included in said first information is selected when said first information includes said border image data, and one of at least one said border image prepared in advance is selected when said first information does not include said border image data, therefore claim 57 is allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art patents and publications on the attached PTO-892 form pertain to three dimensional image displays:

Salomie US Patent Pub. 2003/0052875

Yasumoto US Patent 6,747,642

Parker et al. US Patent 6,674,894

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAID BROOME whose telephone number is (571)272-2931. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ulka Chauhan can be reached on (571)272-7782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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